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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, NOV. 27, 1974.

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, ACTING SPOKESMAN HARE SAID THE FOLLOWING: WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THAT EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE WOULD BE EXECUTED. THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS DENIED THOSE REPORTS, PUBLICLY AND TO OUR EMBASSY. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EARLIER EXECUTIONS, AND INSTRUCTED OUR CHARGE TO ASK ON HUMANE GROUNDS AND BECAUSE OF THE LONG FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND ETHIOPIA, THAT NO FURTHER EXECUTIONS BE CARRIED OUT. THERE HAS BEEN NO INTERRUPTION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. PARKER WYMAN IS OUR CHARGE. OUR ONGOING MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE UNDER REVIEW, AS ARE OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. ON BACKGROUND, HARE SAID NO MAJOR MILITARY ITEMS ARE IN THE PIPELINE NOW. AS FOR OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, WE ARE WAITING UNTIL THE PICTURE BECOMES CLEARER, WE HAVE NOTHING NOW.

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SECRETARY IS EXPECTED BACK ON SATURDAY. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, HARE STATED SECRETARY WILL PAY FOR TRAVEL AND PERSONAL EXPENSES OF HIS CHILDREN, AS WELL AS PERSONAL EXPENSES OF MRS. KISSINGER. HER TRAVEL IS AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE AND IS KEEPING WITH LONG-ESTABLISHED PRACTICE.

REPORT OF MR. ENDERS AT YALE, APPARENTLY ADVOCATING A PRICE OF \$11 PER BARREL -- WE DO NOT HAVE THE TEXT OF WHAT HE SAID, IF IT WAS A SPEECH OR IN A PANEL. WILL TRY TO OBTAIN.

REPORT OF AMCIT BEING TORTURED IN CHILE: WE'VE SEEN THE REPORTS. OUR EMBASSY MADE REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS TO GOC RE THEIR FAILURE TO NOTIFY US OF DETENTION OF AMCIT WE DID NOT PROTEST ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE BECAUSE SHE DID NOT MAKE THEM KNOWN TO US WHILE SHE WAS IN CHILE OR AFTER HER DEPARTURE. WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY SANTIAGO TO ASK GOC TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION.

RE HARCOS AND FLETCHER IN INDIA, HARE SAID HE WILL TRY TO GET CURRENT INFORMATION ON THEIR SITUATION.

ON THE REPORTED ARREST BY THE PLO OF 26 TERRORISTS IN THE ME, HARE HAD NO COMMENT.

ON THE ARAFAT INTERVIEW IN MOSCOW, HARE HAD NO COMMENT.

ON THE JACKSON STATEMENT OF 11/26 ON THE NEW SALT AGREEMENT, HARE HAD NO COMMENT.

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